their families in the most recent preceding fiscal year for which the information is available. Allowance may be made for—

- (1) Decreases in the number of children who are eligible to receive early intervention services under this part; and
- (2) Unusually large amounts of funds expended for such long-term purposes as the acquisition of equipment and the construction of facilities.

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§ 303.125 Fiscal control.

The statement must provide assurance satisfactory to the Secretary that such fiscal control and fund accounting procedures will be adopted as may be necessary to assure proper disbursement of, and accounting for, Federal funds paid under this part.

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§303.126 Payor of last resort.

The statement must include an assurance satisfactory to the Secretary that the State will comply with the provisions in § 303.527, including the requirements on—

- (a) Nonsubstitution of funds: and
- (b) Non-reduction of other benefits.

(Approved by the Office of Management and Budget under control number 1820–0550) (Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1478(b)(2))

§ 303.127 Assurance regarding expenditure of funds.

The statement must include an assurance satisfactory to the Secretary that the funds paid to the State under this part will be expended in accordance with the provisions of this part, including the requirements in § 303.3.

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§ 303.128 Traditionally underserved groups.

The statement must include an assurance satisfactory to the Secretary

that policies and practices have been adopted to ensure—

- (a) That traditionally underserved groups, including minority, low-income, and rural families, are meaningfully involved in the planning and implementation of all the requirements of this part; and
- (b) That these families have access to culturally competent services within their local geographical areas.

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GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR A STATE APPLICATION

§ 303.140 General.

A State's application under this part must contain the information required in §§ 303.141 through 303.148.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1478(a))

§303.141 Information about the Council.

Each application must include information demonstrating that the State has established a State Interagency Coordinating Council that meets the requirements of subpart G of this part.

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§ 303.142 Designation of lead agency.

Each application must include a designation of the lead agency in the State that will be responsible for the administration of funds provided under this part.

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§ 303.143 Designation regarding financial responsibility.

Each application must include a designation by the State of an individual or entity responsible for assigning financial responsibility among appropriate agencies.

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